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LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you hereunder of violations by the Kuwaiti side of the provisions of the cease-fire and the instructions relating to the implementation of the demilitarized zone.

1. At 1515 hours on 6 July 1993, the Kuwaiti side fired a number of automatic rifle rounds from the Abdali post, at coordinates 612320, in the direction of Iraqi citizens expelled from Kuwait who were at the joint post at coordinates 618328.

2. At 1515 on 6 July 1993 a Kuwaiti Toyota Patrol vehicle carrying three persons, an army officer and two civilians, drove around in the area between the Kuwaiti border post and the Iraqi border post. The officer fired a number of rounds from a pistol he had with him. Before reaching the Iraqi post, the Kuwaiti vehicle returned in the direction of the Kuwaiti side.

3. On 1 August 1993, Kuwaiti patrols seized a fishing boat belonging to the Iraqi national Majid Dahi Sa'dun while the following Iraqi fishermen, leaving Khawr Abd Allah in order to fish, were on board:

(a) Hanzal Khalil Hanzal;

(b) Ibrahim Khalil Hanzal;

(c) Isa Abd al-Husayn Ghallum;

(d) Adil Barud Salman.

4. On 31 August 1993 a patrol of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) found four Iraqis in the area opposite the Shahid Humam post, at coordinates 681365, on the Iraqi side. Three of them were in poor condition and the fourth had died. They were:

(a) Husayn Khudayr;

(b) Muhammad Zahir;

(c) Su'ud Jasim;

(d) Ma'add Zahir.

A joint Iraq/UNIKOM patrol went out to investigate the incident, and it transpired that on 28 August 1993 the Kuwaiti side had abducted the aforementioned Iraqis when they were visiting relatives in the plantation area at Safwan and had questioned them and tortured them severely before returning them to the plantation area on the night of 30/31 August. The citizen Ma'add Zahir had died as a result of the severe torture.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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